

# Solo Leveling

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GATES.

THE PORTALS THAT  
CONNECT OUR WORLD  
TO THE OTHER  
DIMENSION.

SINCE THESE GATES  
FIRST APPEARED  
10 YEARS AGO...

...MANY INEXPLICABLE  
EVENTS HAVE OCCURRED.



A GOOD EXAMPLE  
IS THE INTRODUCTION  
OF AWAKENED BEINGS  
CALLED **HUNTERS**.



AWAKENED BEINGS  
ARE ENDOWED WITH  
PERMANENT POWERS  
UPON AWAKENING.

I, TOO, HAVE BEEN  
AWAKENED, BUT MY  
FEEBLE POWERS  
MAKE ME **E-RANK**.



I'M SLIGHTLY  
STRONGER THAN THE  
AVERAGE PERSON,  
BUT DEFINITELY MUCH  
WEAKER THAN OTHER  
EXPERIENCED HUNTERS  
IN HIGHER RANKS.



AWAKENED  
BEINGS PASS THROUGH  
GATES INTO DUNGEONS  
TO FIGHT AGAINST  
MAGIC BEASTS.



THOSE WHO  
DO THIS FOR A  
LIVING ARE CALLED  
*HUNTERS.*



AND SOMETIMES,  
BEYOND THESE  
GATES...

...TERRIFYING  
MONSTERS...

...THAT MAKE  
YOU FALL INTO  
DESPAIR...

...APPEAR  
BEFORE YOU.



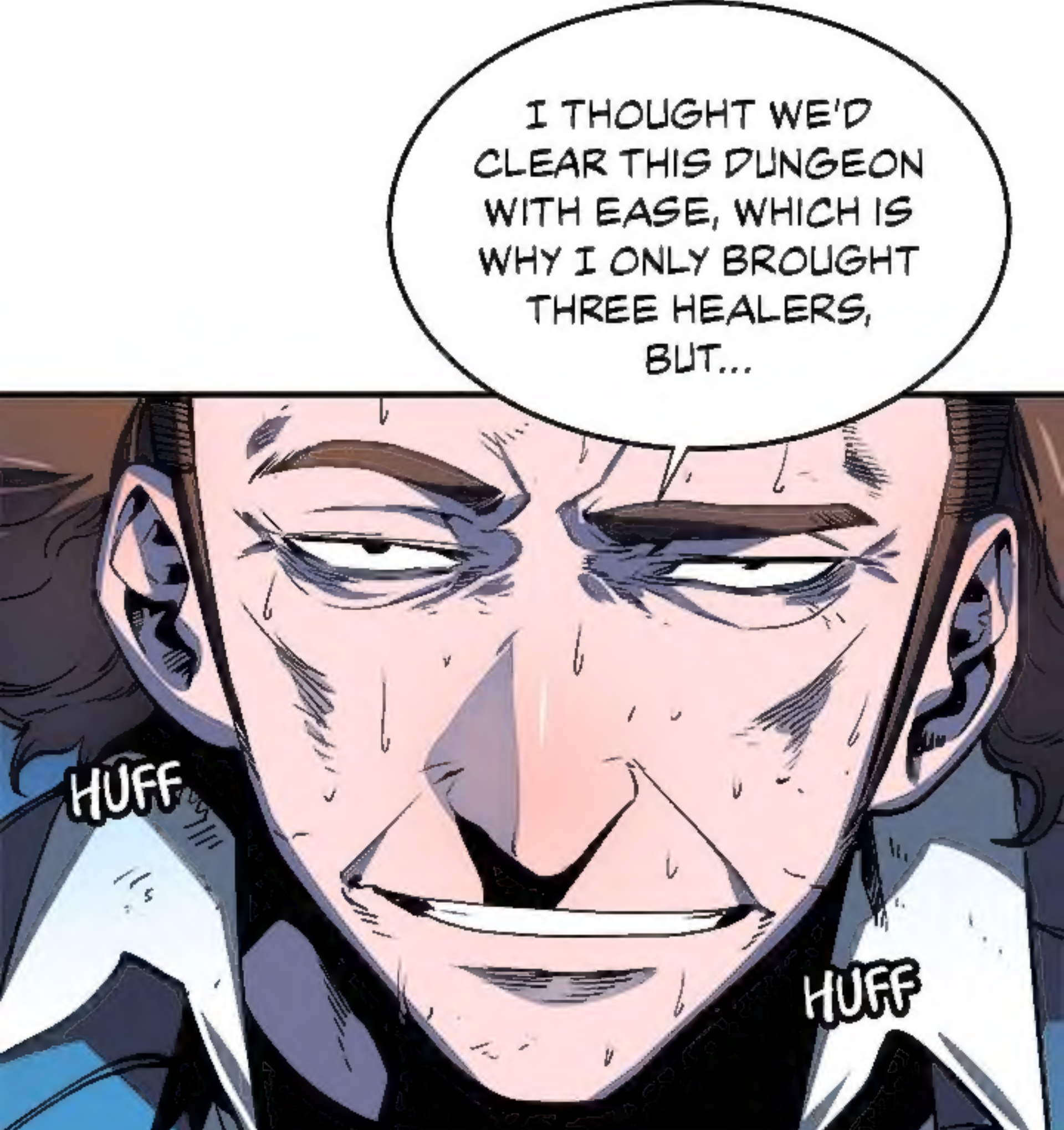


ARE YOU GOING TO BE OKAY? YOU HAVEN'T STOPPED BLEEDING YET.

I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.

DRIP

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I THOUGHT WE'D CLEAR THIS DUNGEON WITH EASE, WHICH IS WHY I ONLY BROUGHT THREE HEALERS, BUT...

HUFF

HUFF




...THERE'S NO TRACE LEFT OF THE ONE THAT WAS ATTACKED...

...ANOTHER ONE IS SITTING OVER THERE SCARED OUT OF HIS MIND...

HELP... HELP...





I WANT  
TO LIVE...



...AND EVEN A  
B-RANK HEALER LIKE  
JOOHEE'S PROBABLY NEVER  
EXPERIENCED SOMETHING  
LIKE THIS BEFORE...  
HAHA, SO IT'S GONNA BE  
HARD TO GET ANY  
HEALING.

TREMBLE

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WE SHOULDN'T  
TRY TO DO ANYTHING  
AGAINST AN OPPONENT  
LIKE THAT.

ONCE THINGS HAVE  
SETTLED DOWN, LET'S  
JUST TRY TO FIGURE  
OUT HOW TO GET  
OUT OF HERE.

THOUGH  
IT WON'T BE  
EASY...

HNGHHH...





HOW DID WE  
END UP LIKE  
THIS...?

THIS IS  
JUST A D-RANK  
DUNGEON...

ACCORDING TO  
MR. SONG, WE'LL  
BE ATTACKED THE  
SECOND WE  
MOVE.



EVEN IF WE  
WERE TO GET LUCKY  
AND SOMEHOW MAKE IT  
ALL THE WAY TO THE EXIT,  
THERE'S ANOTHER STATUE  
GUARDING THE  
DOORS...

...WHICH MEANS  
THEY HAD NO INTENTION  
OF LETTING US LEAVE  
IN THE FIRST PLACE!

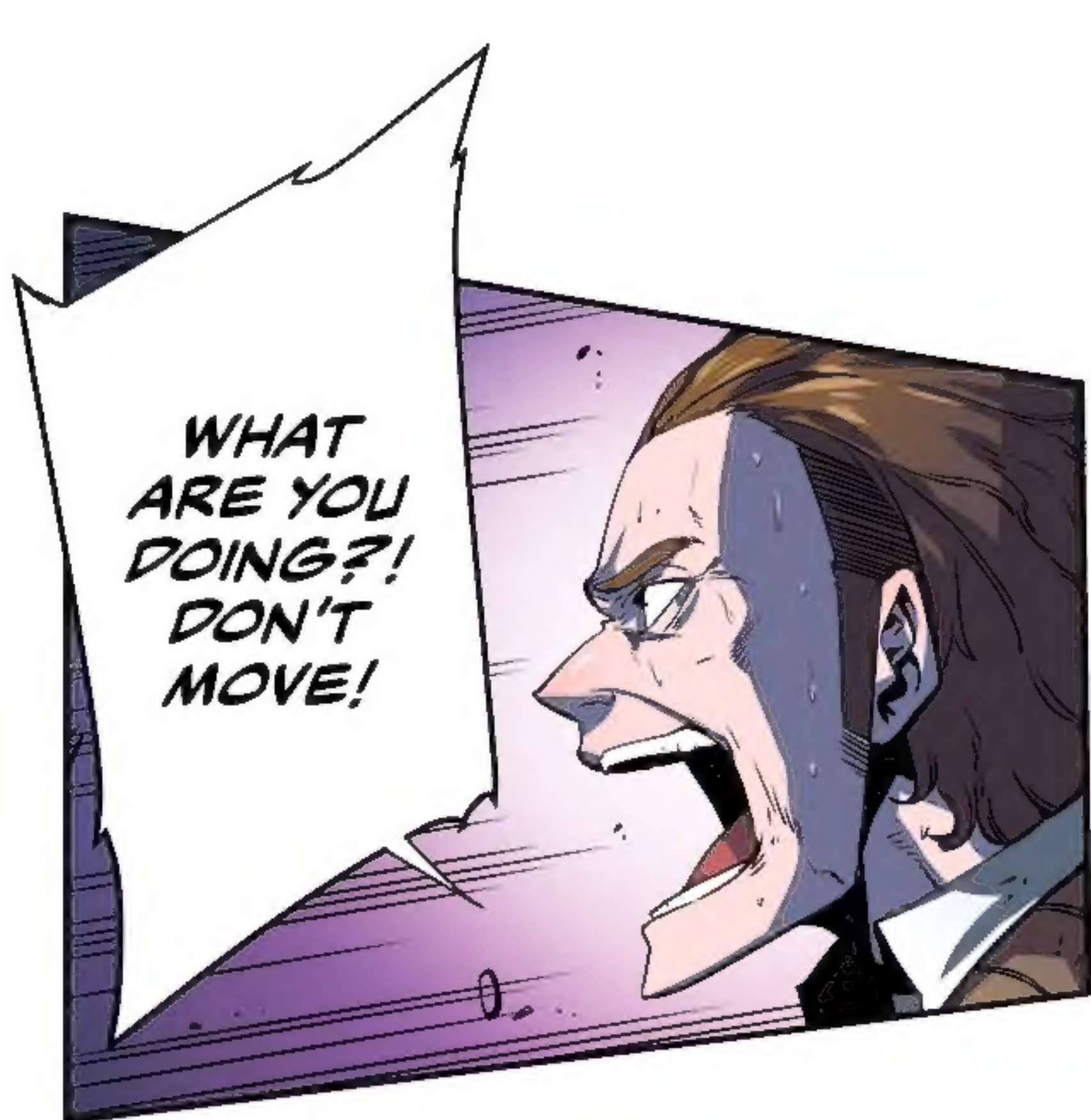
I REFUSE  
TO DIE LIKE  
THIS.

STOMP













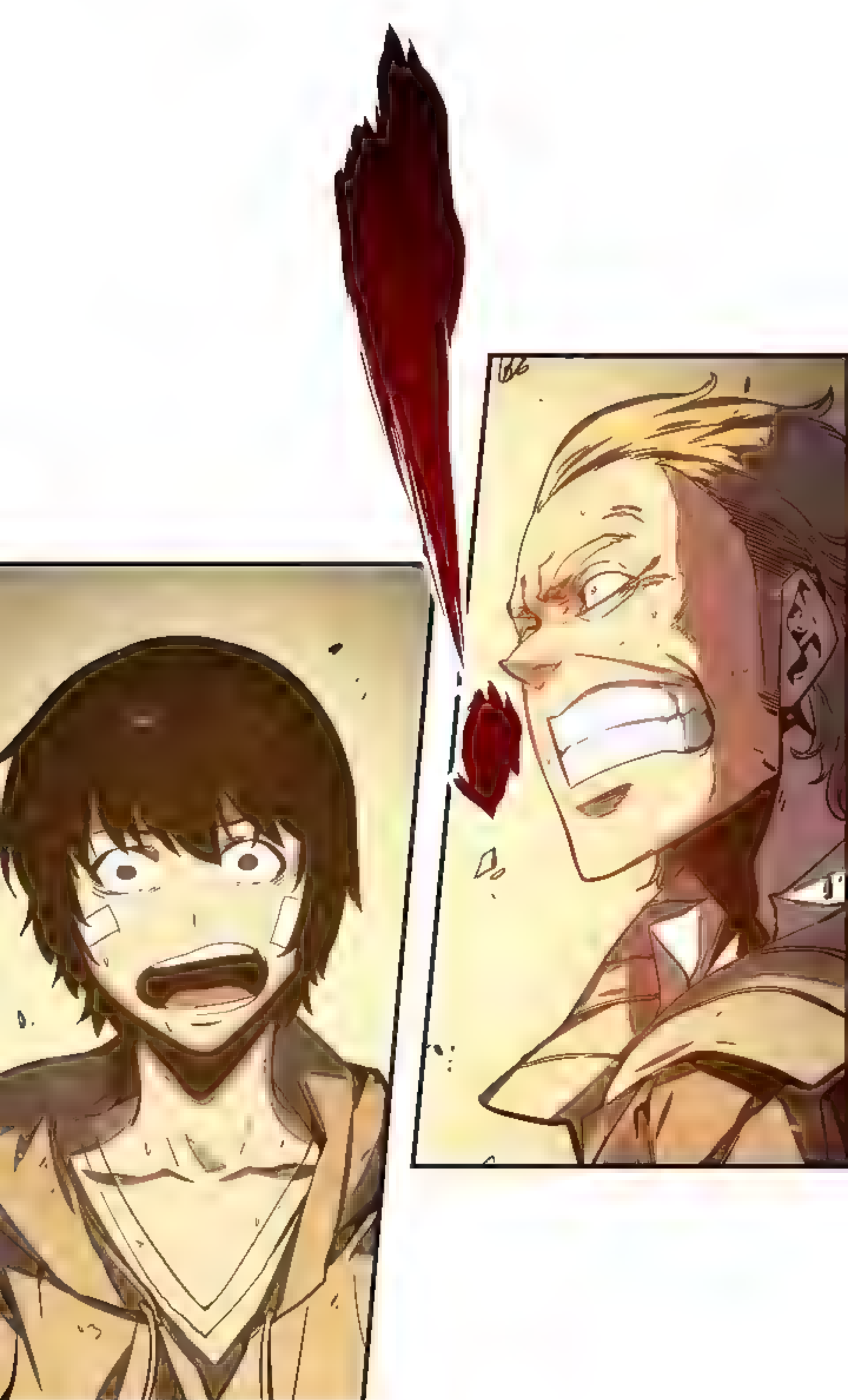








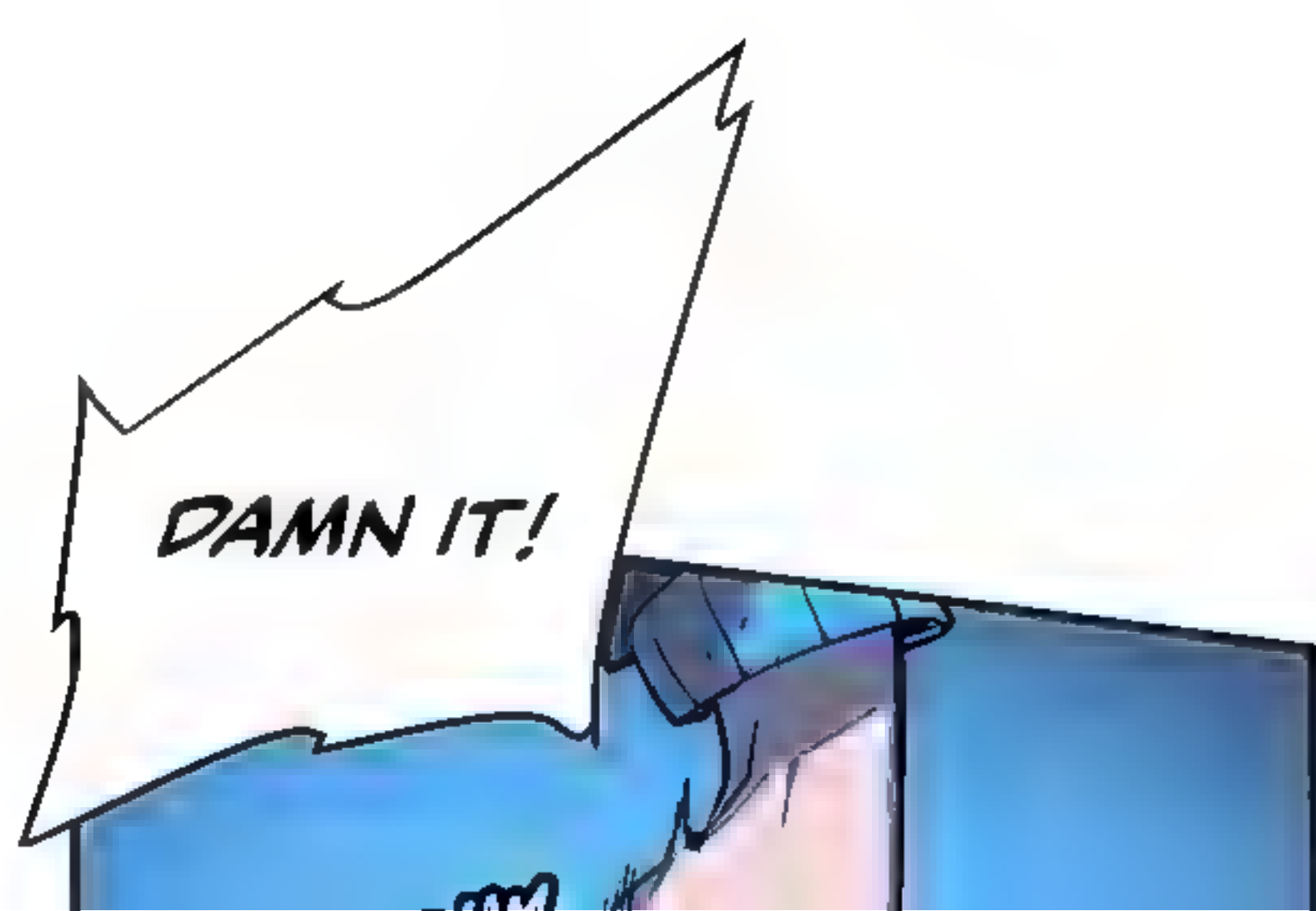
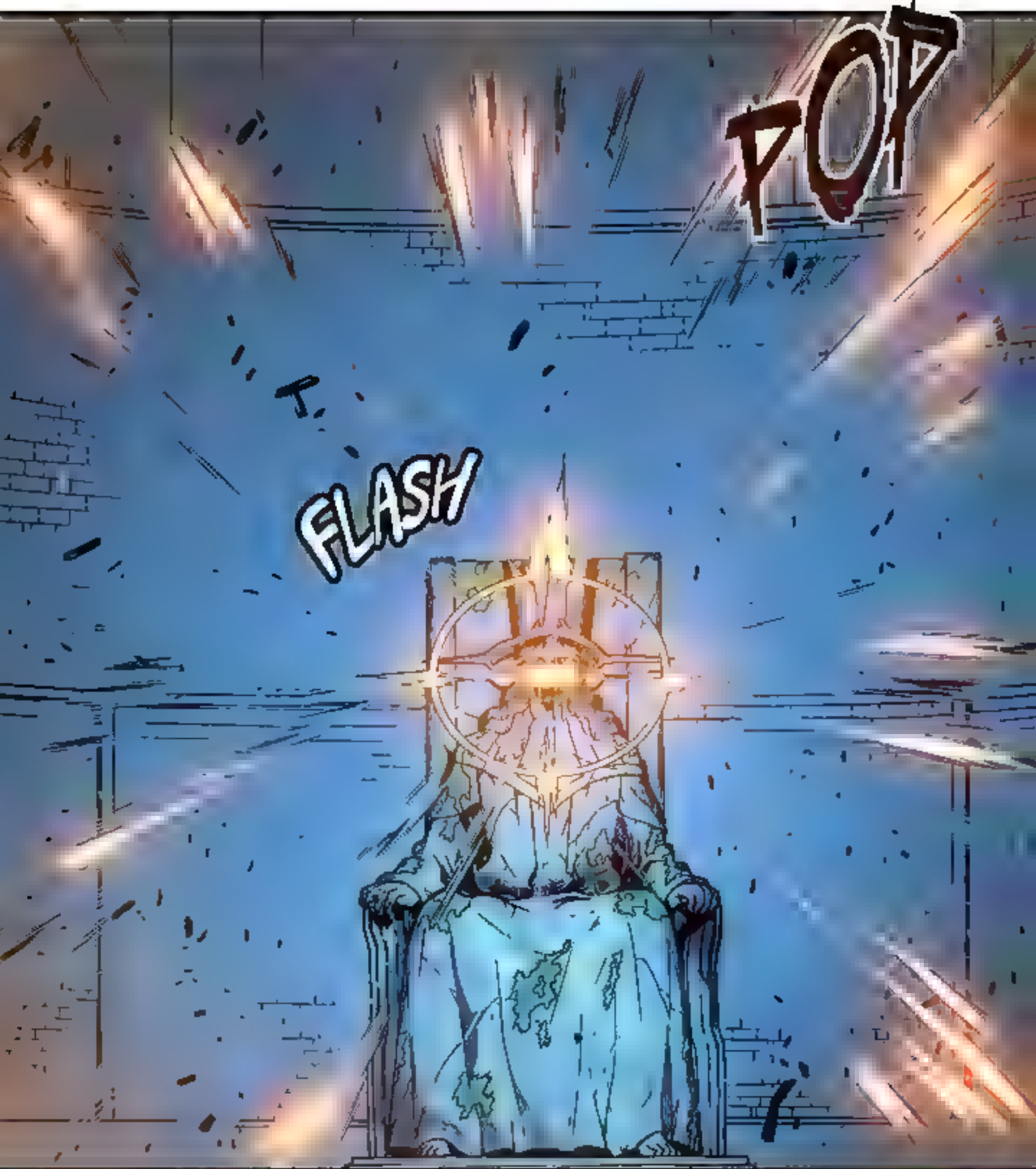
















DOES THIS MEAN  
THESE STATUES COULD  
ANNIHILATE US AT ANY  
GIVEN MOMENT IF THEY  
WANTED TO?

IT'LL BE  
EASIER THAN  
SQUASHING A  
BUG, THAT'S  
FOR SURE.


THEY COULD  
KILL US ALL  
RIGHT NOW...

GOOD  
QUESTION...

...SO WHY  
HAVEN'T  
THEY?

THEY HAVE  
THE POWER TO  
KILL US, YET  
THEY HAVEN'T.

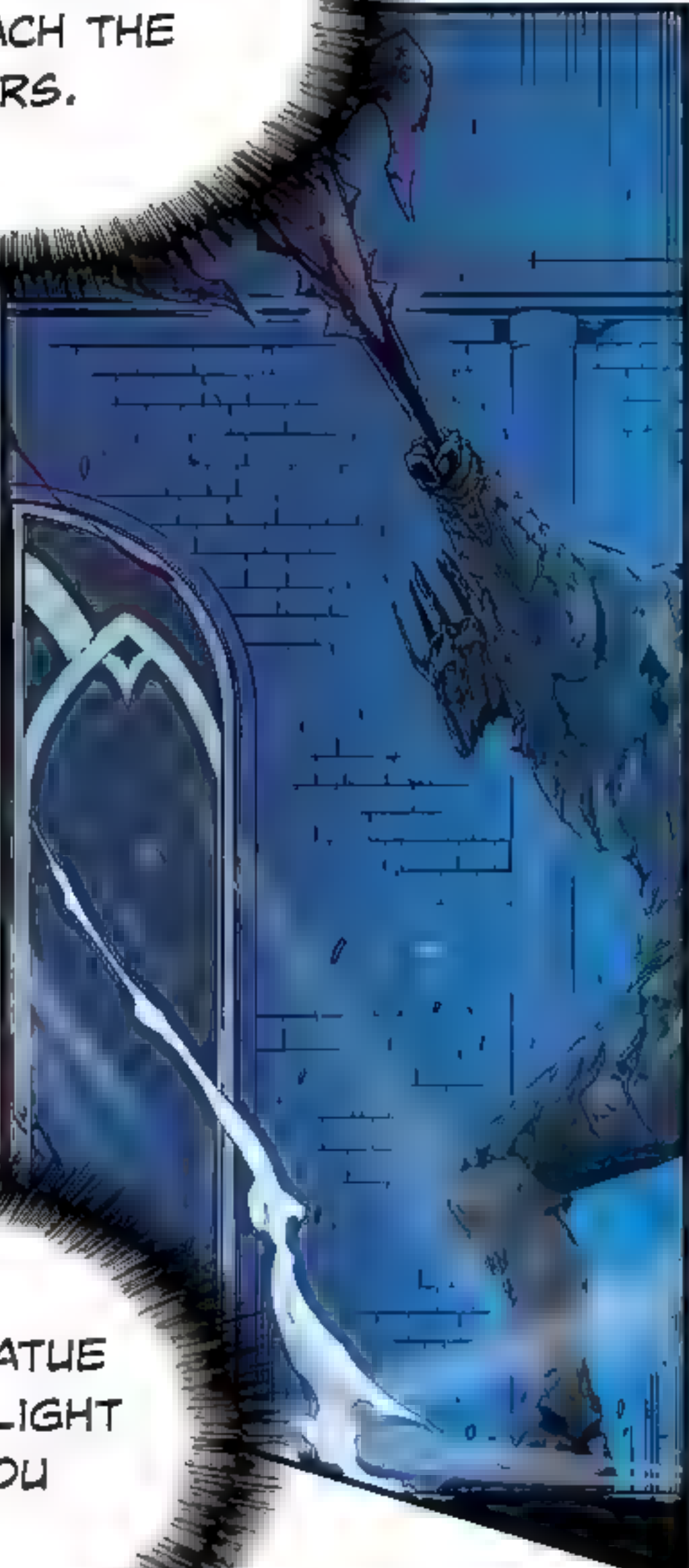




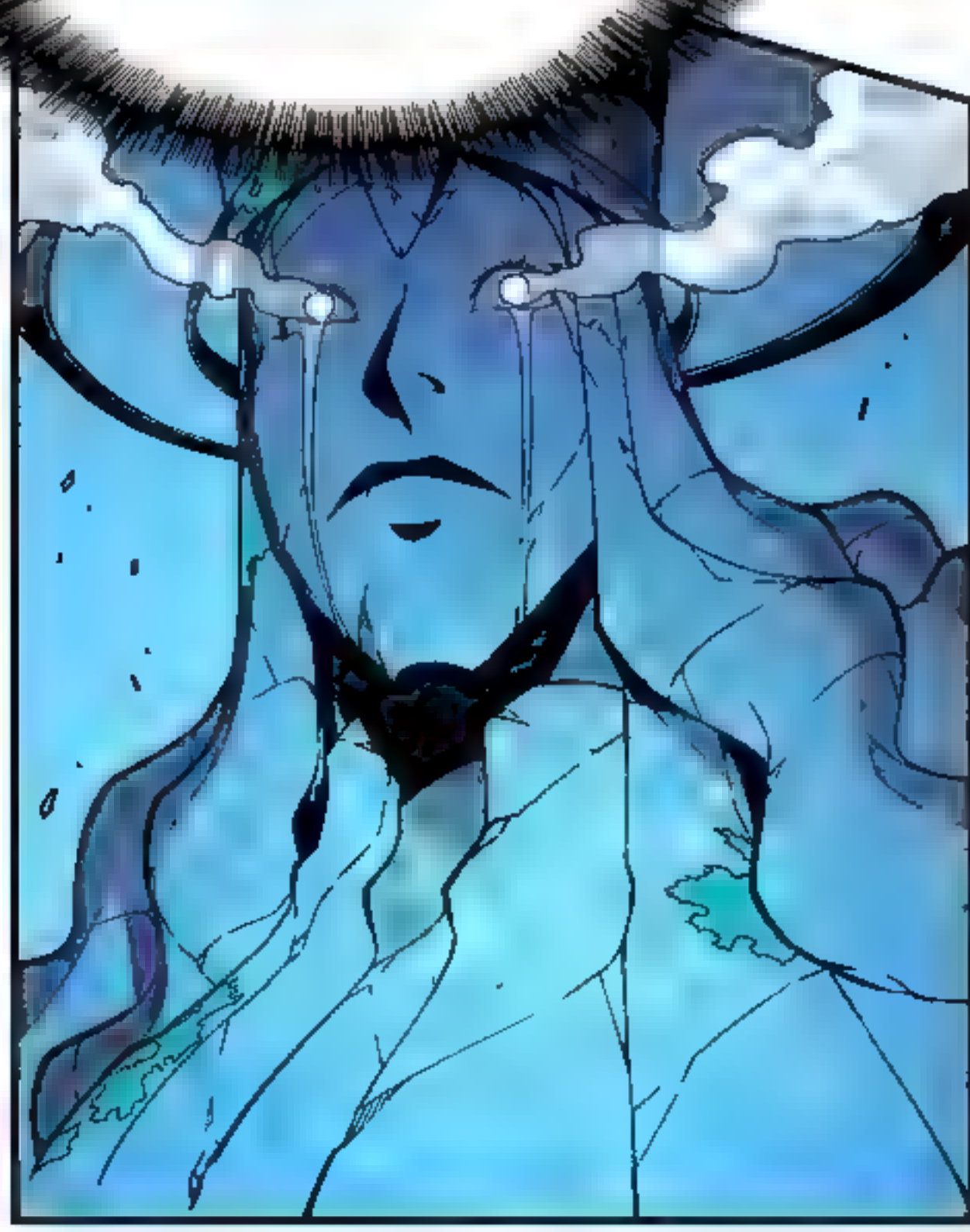
THEY'RE  
DIFFERENT FROM  
THE MAGIC BEASTS  
THAT ATTACK THE  
SECOND THEY SET  
THEIR SIGHTS ON  
A HUNTER.



A GUARD THAT  
ATTACKS WHEN YOU  
APPROACH THE  
DOORS.



A GODLIKE STATUE  
THAT SHOOTS LIGHT  
BEAMS IF YOU  
MOVE.



THEIR ATTACKS  
ARE BASED ON A  
SET OF RULES!



RULES?



COULD IT  
BE THAT...







...THIS ROOM  
HAS CERTAIN  
RULES?!

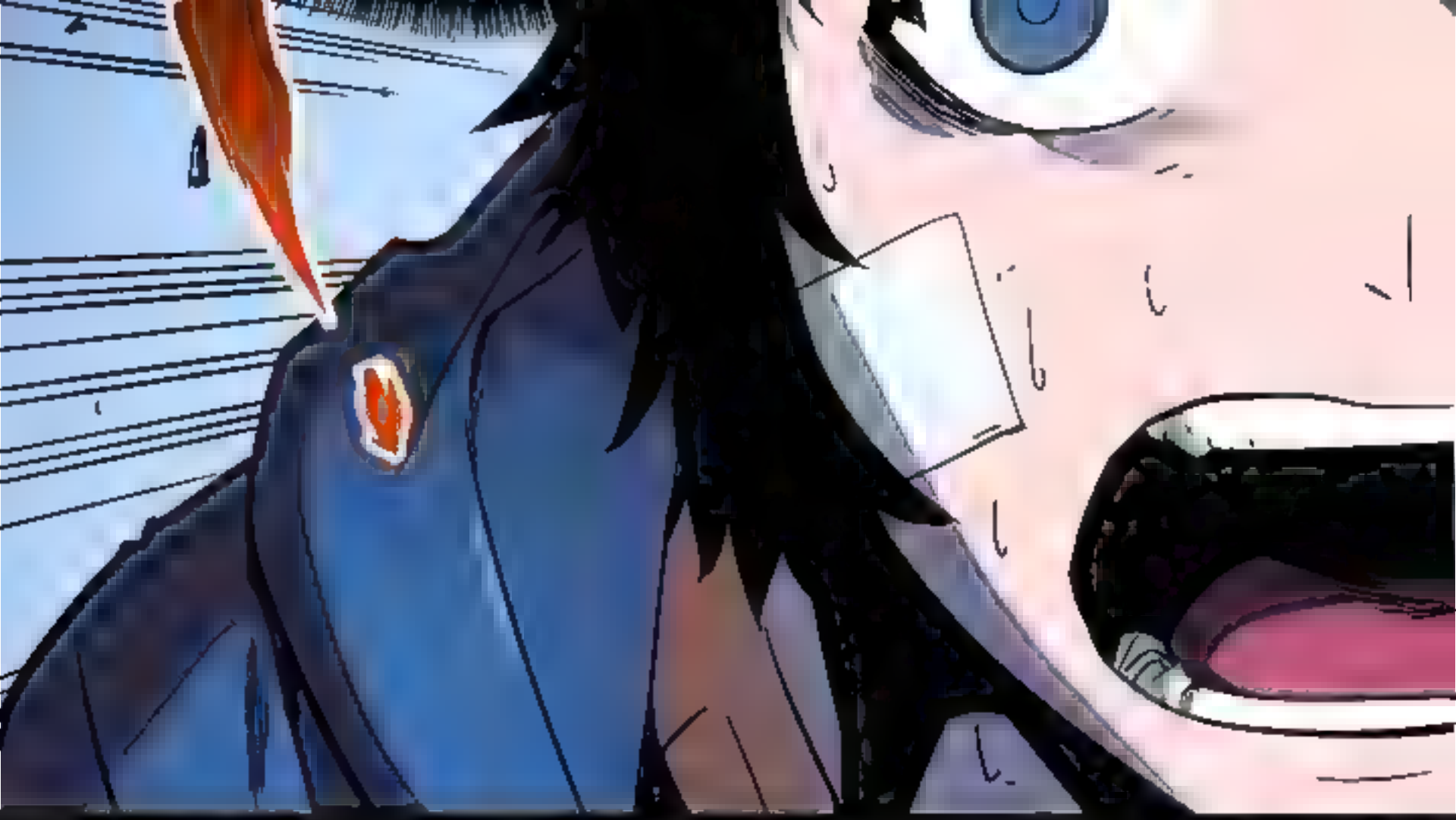


*THE  
COMMANDMENTS  
OF THE CARTENON  
TEMPLE!*

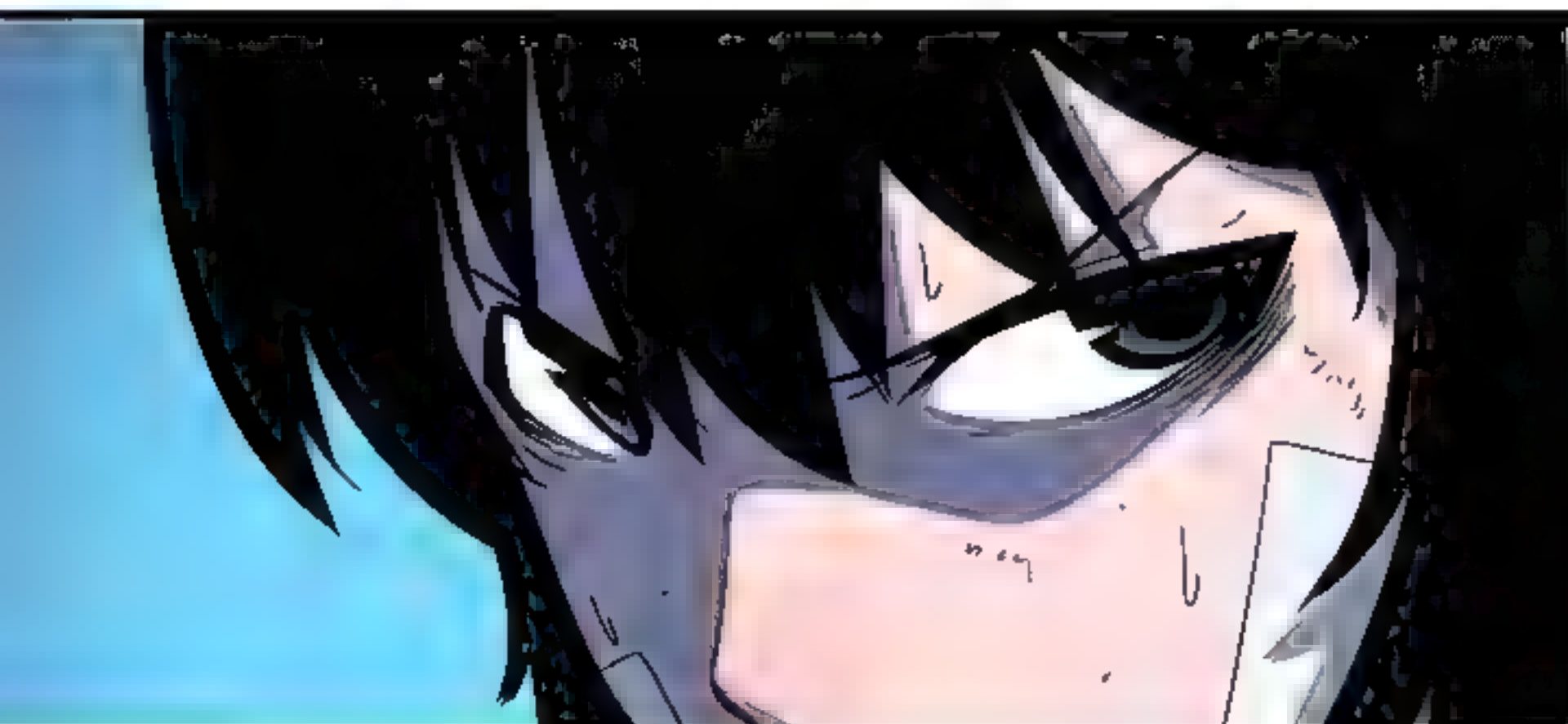


YES!  
THAT'S IT!!

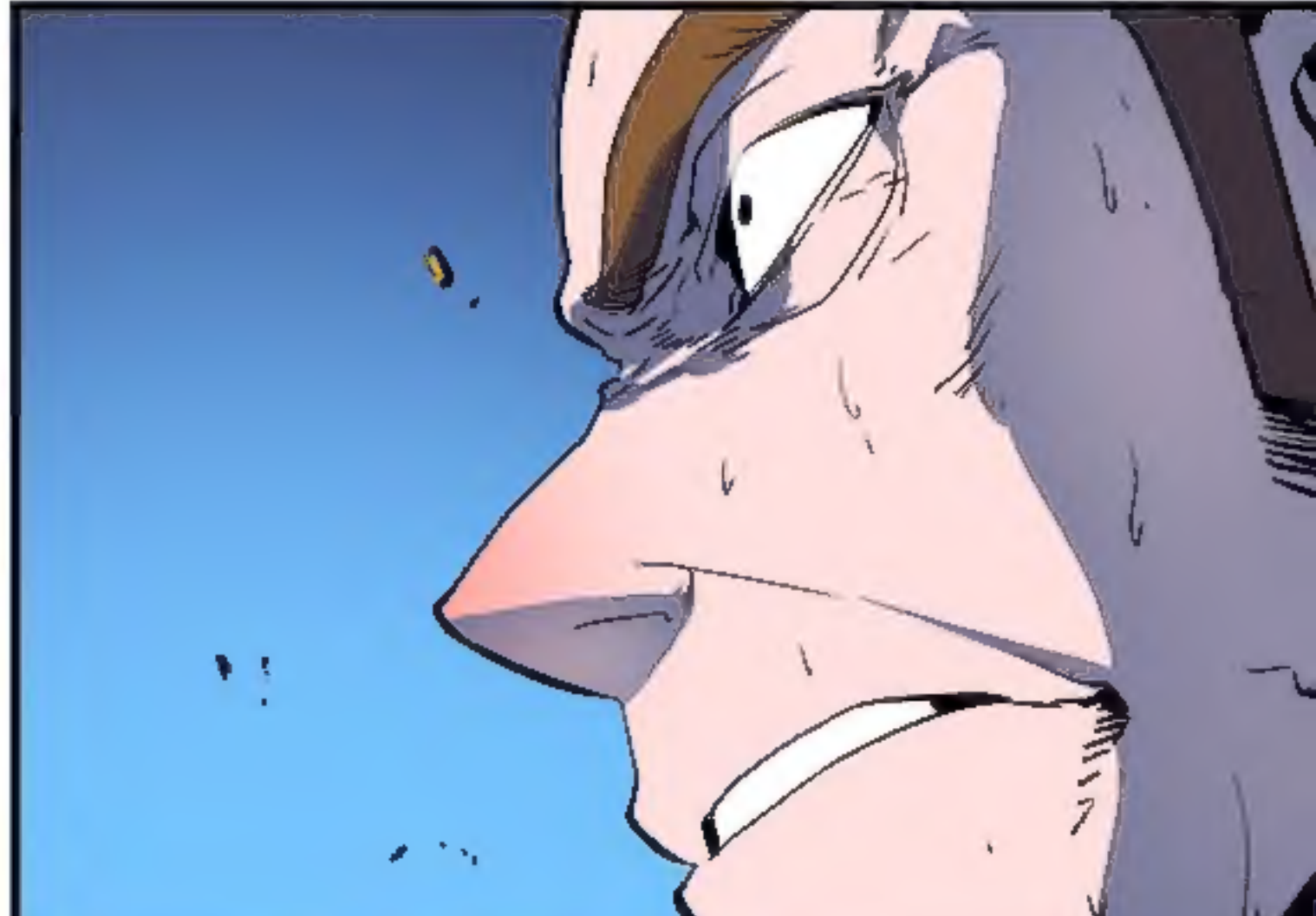




















...THAT STATUE  
DOESN'T ATTACK  
ALL MOVING  
BEINGS.



To Be Continued...

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